GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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Infrastructure Status to Broadcasting Industry
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) has requested the Government to give infrastructure status to the Broadcasting industry in the light of present convergence era in distinction between Telecom, IT and Broadcasting sectors, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any plan of according such infrastructure status to Broadcasting industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING {COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) to (c) The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) had provided a Pre-Budget Memorandum for Union Budget 2016-17 requesting for grant of Infrastructure status to Broadcasting Industry. The Ministry had examined the request of IBF and had advocated the demand of the Industry to declare it as Infrastructure as a legitimate demand and had evaluated the characteristics of the Industry being conducive to Infrastructure sector. The proposal has been forwarded to the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs which is the administrative Ministry concerned in the matter. However, the proposal was not included in the Budget.